

**SENATE—Wednesday, September 5, 2001**

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. BYRD].

**PRAYER**

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Omnipotent God, all-powerful Lord, all authority comes from You. You raise up leaders and entrust them with spiritual, intellectual, and physical power. All You require is humility to acknowledge You as the source of all that they have, and they are accountable to You for how they have used Your entrusted power. You delight to bless those who delight in giving You the glory. Forgive us when we assume that power comes from titles and positions. Most of all, forgive our dependence on, and satisfaction with, our own limited human powers. You offer us supernatural power to think beyond our understanding and lead courageously beyond our abilities. May this be a day when we deliberately ask for Your power and live expectantly for Your divinely inspired strategies and solutions. When we give up the idea that we are the source of our power, You amaze us with what You are able to do through us. So free us from bartering power, struggling for power, and manipulating with power.

Spirit of the living God, anoint the men and women of this Senate with Your power so this Nation will know that it is being led by people who trust You, who share party power to accomplish Your plans, point away from themselves to You, and attempt great things for You because they have received great power from You. Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time will be reserved.

**EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2001**

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 149, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 149) to provide authority to control exports, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate is going to be working today on the export administration bill. Senator DASCHLE called a joint leadership meeting today, and he and Senator LOTT, among others, indicated a real desire to move on to the many things we have to do in this month, especially appropriations bills.

Senator SARBANES is certainly one of the most skilled legislators, and I know he is doing everything in his power, as is Senator GRAMM, to move this export administration bill as quickly as possible. We had an overwhelming vote yesterday on an amendment. The opposition to moving this bill forward I think got 18 votes. From my personal perspective, that is a high water mark. I certainly hope the few Senators who oppose this legislation will recognize the need to move forward with the legislation not only for the Senate but, more importantly, for this country.

We have eight appropriations bills we need to complete by the end of the month. Using the numbers we have, we probably only have about 12 legislative days this month, with the Jewish holidays and the big conference being held late in the month that will take a day away from us. We just need to move expeditiously.

I repeat, I hope those people who oppose this legislation will recognize that we are going to pass this bill. It is just a question of when. Their holding this up isn't to the good of this country. I know that the people who oppose this legislation believe they are doing the right thing. I hope they will recognize that just a few Senators are opposing this bill. We need to move forward. We have a fiscal year that is coming to an end in just a few weeks. We have not completed a single conference on the five appropriations bills that have passed.

The leadership has committed 1 week to Defense authorization, which takes away more time from our appropriating process. Whether people like it or not, the 13 appropriations bills have to be passed or we are going to wind up with a big fat omnibus bill called a continuing resolution that doesn't help anybody, especially the country.

So I am confident there will be roll-call votes on amendments throughout the day. The Senate is going to recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly party conferences today. Again—and I think I speak for the joint leadership—we need to move past this bill and get on to the appropriations bills. On appro-

priations bills, we have to have a way of moving them more quickly. I think that is the belief the leadership has in trying to move to the Commerce-State-Justice bill just as quickly as possible.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The senior Senator from Maryland, Mr. SARBANES, is recognized.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I echo what my colleague, Senator REID, just had to say. We are back on the bill. We did a number of opening statements yesterday. I know there were a couple Members who indicated that they want to be able to just speak on the bill briefly. I invite them to come over. Anyone who has amendments, we are open to consider them. I hope we can possibly finish this bill today and thereby enable the Senate to move on to other business for the remainder of the week. I frankly say that ought to be our objective. Hopefully, we can reach it. I do know there is a state dinner this evening that may impact on the Senate's schedule.

Mr. REID. If the Senator will yield, all of us haven't been invited to the state dinner, so some of us can still work.

Mr. SARBANES. I implore my colleagues who are within earshot, if they wish to make a statement on this bill, to come to the floor and get that done this morning before we go to the two weekly conferences. I also hope that at some point shortly we could have an amendment laid down and proceed to move through the amendments.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The senior Senator from Tennessee, Mr. THOMPSON, is recognized.

Mr. THOMPSON. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I have listened to the distinguished majority whip this morning expressing concern that we move on with this bill. I think we can do that. We had a good discussion yesterday. We had a vote on one amendment that was a pretty definitive vote. We all get to the point where we can count votes around here, and we know which way the die is cast as far as this bill is concerned.

The administration supports this bill. Apparently, the administration is going to oppose any and all amendments. That is unfortunate. That is, frankly, shortsighted, but that is the way it is. I do not think we want to belabor the matter any more than necessary.

I must say, we have had some very good discussions this morning on both sides of export administration in this country. We are still talking, and we